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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO A FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed August 8, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, please consider the below remarks in a favorable light and amend the claims pursuant to the following instructions.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In accordance with the revised amendment format under the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendment to the claims and a complete listing of all claims in the application begin on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and electronic scanning of each part of the amendment document for placement in an e-file wrapper. As required, only the claim number and status indicate any cancelled or withdrawn claim. For convenience, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference. Albeit after a final rejection, kindly amend the claims as highlighted therein. The amendment does not contain new matter or raise new issues and will only require a cursory review on the part of the Examiner.

It has recently been noticed that Claims 1, 4 and 6 do not recite a definition of R_3 and R_6 . Although the omission of the definition does not create any technical difficulty, it is preferred that the definition be added by this amendment to improve the readability of the claims. The specification provides the definition and support for the amendment on page 17, lines 24-26. Subscripts in connection with R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} are also corrected at this time.

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